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## Understanding Medicaid's Budget: Cost of Care by Population

Average cost to cover an individual in Colorado Medicaid, known as cost of care, has leveled off in recent years. Overall cost of care takes into account covering various populations, each of which has different average costs.

Detailed charts are in the Department's FY 2016-17 Budget Request, Exhibit Q – Services Per Capita Costs available at [Colorado.gov/hcpf/budget-1](http://Colorado.gov/hcpf/budget-1). The calculations were updated in February 2016.

### FY 2014-15 Average Cost per Capitas



All Populations - **\$6,173**



**\$25,277-\$28,176**

Individuals with  
Disabilities



**\$26,230**

Adults 65 and Older



**\$5,452**

Adults without Kids



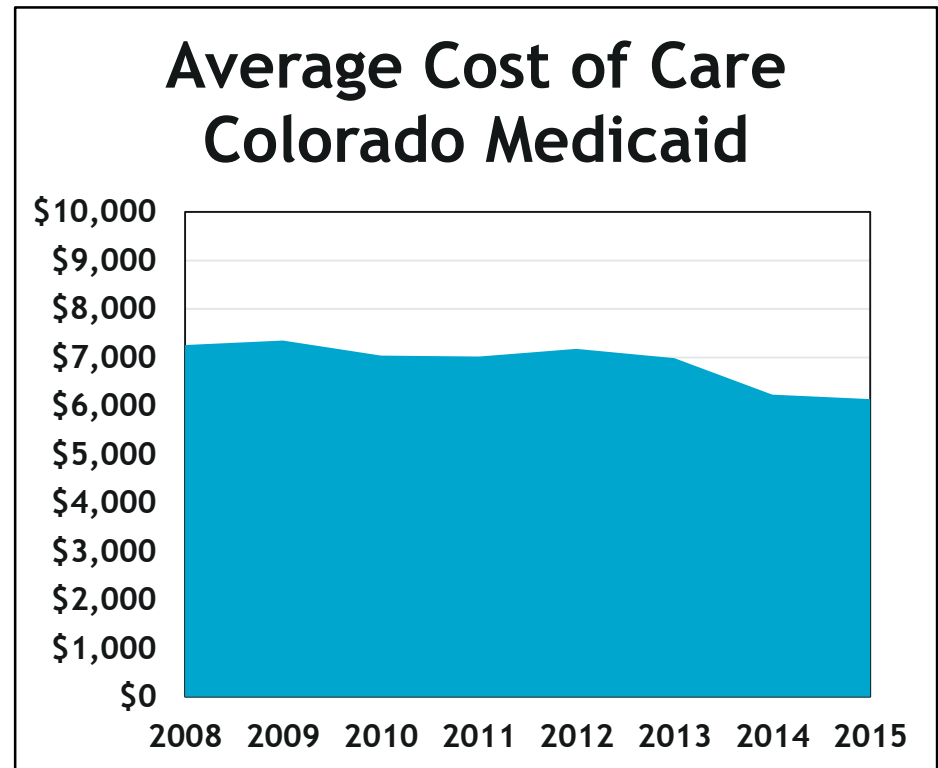
**\$3,307-\$3,880**

Parents



**\$2,400**

Kids



Source: All populations are included in the overall cost of care average. The above subpopulation breakouts do not break out separately Medicaid Buy-In, Breast & Cervical Cancer Care Program, Foster Care, Emergency Medicaid, Partial Dual Eligible and MAGI pregnant adults. The full [subpopulation breakouts](http://Colorado.gov/hcpf/budget-1) are available at Colorado.gov/hcpf, Exhibit Q, page EQ-2, Total Services Per Capita Costs.

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